



# St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

## Newsletter November 24, 2016

"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush,  
rather than a last-minute rush."

Anonymous



### **Don't forget: Christmas Craft Fair is tomorrow!**

We cannot wait to see you all tomorrow at our wonderful event, sponsored by our PSG! A perfect place to do some of your Christmas shopping and support the vendors who are supporting our school. Remember, parking is always a challenge due to construction so parking on the street and walking in is always the best option. See you there!

### **Reserved Parking Spaces: Now in effect**

Parking Rules and  
Regulations

During our spring Fundraising Event, two reserved parking spots were auctioned off as part of raising funds for the running of our school. Due to our busy construction, parking has been, and still is at a minimum. However, we are now opening up the two spots, located outside the McKenzie building and we ask that those spots are left available for the families that are named on the signs above those spots. They are **reserved** from **7:30am-4:30pm**.

### **Advent Reconciliation**



Our students and staff will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of the clergy who are able to come out and help out. Please keep our children, staff and clergy in your prayers.

### **STAR OF WONDER! Primary Christmas Concert: mark your calendar!**



This year our Christmas Concert "**STAR OF WONDER!**" is being presented by our primary classes but it is a 'must see' for all of our families and friends! Mark Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 and 6:30 on your calendars and we will see you there.

## **I'm Dreaming of a "Green" Christmas**



Donation drop off blitz continues until **Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Grade 6 students will be available at morning drop off 8:15 - 8:30 a.m. to collect your Green Christmas Sale items. Look for the Green Hats!!

Our sale is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. All money raised will go towards purchasing livestock for families in Ghana and support Project G.R.O.W. Ghana Rural Opportunities for Women is a community development project, which aims to facilitate women's economic empowerment and community capacity building agenda in rural Ghana.

**Big White Ski Program** – See attached



## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

We are still in need of help with volunteer activities to assist during the day tomorrow (Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup>) with concession and clean-up after 2pm.

Please click on the following link (or copy it into your web browser) to go to the signup sheet: [www.volunteersignup.org/L3XH9](http://www.volunteersignup.org/L3XH9)

It only takes seconds to sign-up, but the value of your help and contribution is immeasurable. Thank you for volunteering!!

## **ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Remember our St. Joseph Christmas Market is **tomorrow starting at 10 a.m. in the school.**

The line-up of vendors is available at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1802742953332237>  
It features some of our very own SJE Young Entrepreneurs!

Please remember admission is by way of donation of a non-perishable food item, for St. Vincent de Paul, at the door. We look forward to seeing you.  
Thank you!!



## **MABEL'S LABELS FUNDRAISER**

Here's a great way to ensure important possessions are always labelled with your family name – choose Mabel's Labels! (Dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe)

<http://mabelslabels.com/support-a-fundraiser>

Look for "St. Joseph Elementary, Kelowna" in the drop-box. Place your order, before **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** and Mabel's Labels will return a 20% rebate as a donation to support our school! Thank you!!

### **NEXT PSG MEETING**

The Christmas season PSG meeting is scheduled for Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested to participate please RSVP to Ingrid Uhrich Email: [miuhrich@shaw.ca](mailto:miuhrich@shaw.ca) today, for details on this special event. All parents welcome!

## Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Celtic Christmas Event**



The Society of St Vincent de Paul would like to invite you to our Celtic Christmas Concert on Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Donations go to our society to help the poor at Christmas.

## **CARDS FOR KIDS LAST MINUTE ORDERS**



**WE'VE ALL BEEN THERE!  
FORGOT TO GET IN YOUR  
CARDS FOR KIDS CHRISTMAS ORDER FORMS....  
TURN THEM IN FIRST THING MONDAY MORNING  
AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
OR  
AT OUR TABLE AT THE ST. JOE'S CRAFT FAIR THIS  
SATURDAY 10-2**



***Rooted in Faith: Praying for our Catholic Schools***

Join us Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the IRHS Chapel  
Prayer focus will be 9B Mrs. Leah Drebit's class.

**Attachments**

- Christmas Market – poster
- Immaculata High School Annual Christmas Art Exhibition
- Big White Ski Program
- A Celtic & Christmas Concert Poster

Our mission is to foster the development of the total child in spirit, mind and body. Through Jesus, we encourage the pursuit of excellence in a community of love and respect.

Virtue for November is  
**COMPASSION**

How do we practise it:

- Kind feelings for others who are hurt
- Caring deeply for others
- Being kind and forgiving others who have hurt you

“The Virtues Project™”